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REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Official Action mailed April 11, 2007 which imposed a second Restriction Requirement in the present application.

Accordingly, Applicant makes the following election and requests that examination of the elected claims on their merits be promptly conducted in light of the following remarks.

Under a previous Restriction Requirement, claims 23 and 24 were withdrawn from consideration and are so marked above. Now, the remaining ten claims are again subject to an additional Restriction Requirement.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Office alleges that the remaining set of ten claims, claims 12-22, include claims drawn to two independent and patentably distinct inventions. The remaining claims are grouped as follows:

Claim Group 1: Claims 12-18; and

Claim Group 2: Claims 19-22.

In response, Applicant elects Claim Group 1, claims 12-18 for immediate examination. All other original claims are labeled as "withdrawn" herein.

Applicant does not disclaim the subject matter of any withdrawn claim and reserves the right to file any number of continuation or divisional applications to the withdrawn claims or to any other subject matter described in the present application.

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By the present paper, Applicant also adds new claims 25-37 drawn to the elected subject matter. Therefore, an examination of claims 12-18 and 25-37 on their merits is now respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions which could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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